

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Lively Discussion Over Reports on Education.

DR. J. P. SMITH'S POSITION

Mobile Selected as the Next Place of Meeting—The Reformed Church Ask for Closer Relations and Organic Union.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., May 28.—The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in this morning adopted the report of the theological seminaries, which came up and was adopted.

The report showed an enrollment at the five institutions of Clarksville, Union, Southwestern, Kentucky and Central to be 165, which is a falling off from last year of four. The faculties were endorsed for their faithfulness and ability. The committee recommended that all controlling boards unite in a representative conference on the basis of one member of each institution, for the purpose of creating and conserving definite relations of unity among the several theological seminaries. It was further recommended that a non-resident post-graduate course be established for the degree of doctor of divinity. The report was adopted.

LIVELY DISCUSSION.
The liveliest discussion of the day was provoked by calling up the union of business, referring to the consideration of the joint committee of the standing committees of Publication and Sabbath Schools. Two reports were submitted yesterday by this committee, the majority favoring that the secretaries of the Publication and Sabbath Schools be combined in one office with one secretary. The minority offered as a substitute that the two offices be not combined, and recommended that the Executive Committee of Publication be increased to five members, and that the Executive Committee of Sabbath Schools be increased to five members.

Dr. James P. Smith addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Executive Committee of Publication, and advocated the combining of the secretaries of the Publication and Sabbath Schools. He stated that the Executive Committee of the Northern Presbyterian Church, located in Philadelphia, which was doing efficient work and which was divided into three departments, one having charge of business matters, one of editorial and literary matters, and the third superintendent of Sabbath Schools. The committee thought it desirable to formulate their plans and work similarly, except that they would be unable to present a man at the head of each department.

MAJORITY WIN.
It was evident that there was considerable opposition to the plan suggested by the majority report, and the members were divided. The business manager of the committee, R. E. Magill, was called on for a statement of financial conditions. When the vote was taken the majority report was adopted by the vote of 10 to 8. Several amendments were made to the report.

Mr. Magill was elected secretary and business manager of the Committee of Publication. The consideration of the superintendent of Sabbath Schools was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The report from the home and school at Fredericksburg, Va., for the year of foreign missions, and of the report of Rocky Mount, N. C. There are in the school and orphanage about fifty orphans and thirteen widows. Superintendent Somerville followed by the report of the value of property. The buildings are worth over \$10,000.

CLOSING RELATIONS ASKED.
A communication was received from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia to-day, asking for closer relations and organic union of all the Presbyterian churches in the United States. The committee was asked to send a representative to a meeting to be held in June, and to report on the rights of missionaries in the Congo Free States, as follows:

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Two cities were put in nomination this afternoon for the next place of meeting—Mobile, Ala., and Augusta, Ga. Dr. J. P. Smith, nominated Government Street Church, of that city, and reminded the assembly that last year when Lexington was selected there was a tacit understanding that the next year would be held in Augusta. Dr. Plunkett invited the assembly to Augusta, and next year would celebrate the one hundredth year of the organization of the church. The committee would give the visitors a cordial welcome, not second to what they had received in Lexington, and nothing more than that could be said. The vote was taken, and Mobile was selected by the vote of ninety to seventy-six.

The standing committee on Education reported through the chairman, Dr. Converse, of Louisville, Ky., that during the past year the income of the church had increased over \$20,000, an increase over the past year of nearly fifty per cent. The committee recommended the raising of \$30,000 for the benefit of candidates for the ministry, and each presbytery is requested to raise its proportionate share.

The Bible training school at Laredo, Texas, was recognized as a school for the training of Mexicans for the ministry, and the assembly authorized the committee to assist needy students in attendance there.

The Executive Committee was instructed to appoint faithful men to visit each college and university within the bounds of the assembly and confer with young men on personal duty.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.
The standing committee on Ministerial Relief made its report to-day. In closing the committee says:

While we congratulate the Assembly upon the advance made in this work, our beloved Church is still very far behind many others in the provision it makes for those committed to the care of the Ministerial Relief Fund. Instead of the average of family being \$1,000, this amount should be considered a very small allowance, and we recommend that

our Church be requested to contribute for the ensuing year not less than \$50,000 for this cause.

We recommend that the present secretary, Rev. I. S. McElroy, D. D., be re-elected, and that he, with the Revs. Russell Cecil, D. D., Jero Witherspoon, D. D., Calvin Stewart, D. D., Messrs. R. R. Wolford, J. N. Cullingsworth, George R. Cannon, John S. Munce, William R. Miller, C. D. Larus, John A. Coke and S. H. Hawes, constitute the Executive Committee on Ministerial Relief for the ensuing year.

DR. LUMPKIN RE-ELECTED.
Dr. J. W. Lumpkin was re-elected secretary of the Executive Committee. The standing committee on Home Missions reported more money contributed, more missionaries at work and more churches established in the past year than any year for the decade.

The Assembly adjourned at 8 o'clock to accept an invitation of General Ship to visit the Virginia Military Institute and witness a special battalion drill in their honor. The distinguished visitors were much pleased with the fine soldierly bearing of the cadets of the "West Point of the South."

A popular meeting was held to-night in the interest of colored evangelization, with an address by Dr. D. C. Lilly, of Tusculum, Ala., the secretary.

From the annual important business yet on the docket, it is hardly probable that the Assembly will get a rough to-morrow, although that is the day on which they expect to adjourn.

FRANKLIN COMMENCEMENTS

The Franklin Male Academy and the Franklin Female Seminary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FRANKLIN, VA., May 28.—The Franklin Male Academy, J. H. Martin, principal, and M. H. Watts, assistant, closed Friday. The annual address was made by Professor S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond. The scholarship medal was won by Master Vaughan Camp, son of Dr. R. J. Camp, of this place, this being two sessions in succession in which he has won the same medal. The declaimer's medal was won by Dr. G. W. Hayes. The Academy next session will be under the management of Professor H. G. Noffsinger, formerly of the Windsor Academy, as principal.

The closing exercises of the Franklin Female Seminary were held Saturday evening to Tuesday evening, inclusive. The baccalaureate sermon was preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning by Dr. A. B. Dunnaway, D. D., of Churchland, Va., and the annual address was made by Rev. J. K. Joffitt, of Norfolk, Tuesday morning. The Seminary has had the most successful session in its history, under the control of Professor John B. Brower. The number of matriculates has increased by 25 per cent; the number in the boarding department has increased by 51 per cent, and the gross income from the school has increased by 100 per cent. Misses Bessie Lawless and Esie Council received diplomas equivalent to the A. B. diplomas of the colleges, and Misses Mary Story, Janie Parker, Mamie Joyner and Carrie Scott received diplomas equivalent to the Bachelor of Science diplomas of the colleges. A number of other young ladies graduated in the respective schools in which they were applying for graduation, and received diplomas in those schools.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seminary company was held on Tuesday, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. C. Joffitt; Secretary, J. L. Camp; Treasurer, R. J. Camp; and a board of trustees composed of those four officers and Messrs. C. C. Vaughan, Jr., I. D. Howell, A. L. Bryant, D. A. Holland, Dr. J. L. Gard, Dr. E. H. Cobb and J. R. Knight.

MECKLENBURG COURT
The Bones of a Hog in the Solid Wood of a Large Tree.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOYDTON, VA., May 28.—The Circuit Court of Mecklenburg began here yesterday. Judge Hundley presiding. A suit for five thousand dollars was brought by L. J. Williams against the Southern Railway for being struck from the car by one of its conductors, and was decided in favor of the railroad. A. P. Thom and ex-Congressman Thorp represented the defendants, and ex-Judge Charles Alexander and H. C. Smith represented the plaintiff. Marlon Taylor, who owns and operates a saw mill on the south side of Roanoke River, made a curious discovery a few days since. He was moving a poplar log, and found a bone of a hog's jaw through the bone of a hog's jaw and also through a bone of the shoulder blade of the animal. The bone was buried about eight inches in the tree.

Emory and Henry.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) EMORY, VA., May 28.—Bishop H. C. Morrison will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises of Emory and Henry College Sunday, June 7th. Hon. Harry St. George Tucker will make the literary address Tuesday Morning, June 9th.

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CHINESE CASES IN COURT

A Site Chosen for the Portsmouth Post-office—Captain James Brown Celebrates His 97th Birthday.

Emmett Felson in Luck.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., May 28.—E. W. Bray, president of the Marine Engineers' Association, who recently notified the steamboat companies in this section of their intention to demand an increase of wages of from 15 to 20 per cent, is authority for the statement that his organization will reject the proposition made by the companies affected to submit the proposed wage scale to a board of arbitration. The Chamber of Commerce has tendered its services in reaching a solution of the problem that is regarded here as serious, but the engineers say that their offer will also be rejected.

The Chesapeake and Ohio and Atlantic Coast Line have agreed to the new scale conditionally for thirty days. Unless the matter is adjusted, steamboat men predict a tie-up of business from June 1st, the date the new scale is to go into effect.

CHINESE DETECTIVE HERE.

Charles Kee, the government Chinese detective, who was active in the recent deportation cases of Chinamen living in Norfolk, is back in this city, accompanied by his young son. He appeared before United States Commissioner George E. Bowden to hear further evidence in the deportation cases. The four Chinamen whose cases were to come up were paroled until the 30th, because District Attorney Lewis telegraphed from Richmond that he is engaged in a suit there and is unable to leave.

POW-TOFFICE SITE CHOSEN.

Assistant Secretary Taylor, of the Treasury Department, Washington, to-day settled the contest about the site of the postoffice in Portsmouth. He was here a few days ago and practically decided that the last site proposed, the property of Nellie J. Milligan, in Court Street, at the corner of King, should be the place. He said, however, he would not announce his choice till he returned to Washington. The price put on the property is \$15,000 and it is the only site that was large enough and still within the appropriation. The situation is central and convenient.

PORTSMOUTH'S OLDEST CITIZEN.

Captain James Brown, Portsmouth's oldest citizen, yesterday celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday and received congratulations from his friends. Captain Brown was born May 25, 1805, and has spent his life in Portsmouth, where he is respected and beloved. He is still quite strong in body and mind and reads without the aid of glasses. He is a member of the church, and is a very active member of the community.

COVENANT WILLARD'S GIFT.
Master Emmet Felson, of Portsmouth, popular in Richmond, where he served as page in the State Senate and in the Constitutional Convention, has received through Hon. Charles V. Bland from Superintendent of Public Schools John C. Ashton an appointment as a State scholar in the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, and will enter there for the fall session.

Teachers' Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FAZBELL, VA., May 28.—The teachers' meeting for the Ninth Congressional District convened here Tuesday presided over by Superintendent Stern of Fauquier. Present were Superintendent Russell of Bristol, Va.; Professor Fitzpatrick of Gate City, and Professor Edwards of Leesville, Va., and many other leading educators from the Southwest.

The first meeting of the Tuesday night, with an address of welcome from Professor G. L. Byrom, of Tazewell High School.

First of the week Mrs. S. M. B. Coulling and her four children left for quite an extended visit for Norfolk, Richmond and Petersburg, while Judge Coulling and his family remained in Fauquier county.

All crops are later than for many years. Every one reports hard stands of peanuts, cotton and corn. This has been a blue year for the farmers.

Messrs. Pounce & Best, of Stony Creek, have moved their saw-mill near Peanut, Sussex county, having purchased a large tract of timber at that place.

A daily mill will soon be in operation between Atland and Jarratt. At present they have only three mills per week.

Miss Mollie J. Wyatt has been appointed postmaster at Atland to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her brother, John Wyatt, several weeks ago.

The old Hickory Base-Ball Club is in the field again this season, but, as usual, can't get a club to play against. This club was organized twenty-three years ago, and has suffered only two or three defeats, one in Petersburg and another at Blackstone, both times playing against a pick team.

The club will play some club on the Fourth of July for a gold medal. It can be found that will agree to play.

Mr. B. J. Ridout is having his dwelling remodeled, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Miss Florence Irwin will leave tonight for her home, near Reams Station, this week.

The fruit crop will be a very large one this year, despite the damage to orchards by the recent storms.

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GREAT LUMBER MOVEMENT

Vast Quantities of Logs, Ties, Lumber and Wood Coming into the Market at Fredericksburg—A Barn Burned by Lightning.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 28.—A portion of the property belonging to the estate of the late A. K. Phillips was sold at auction and brought in the aggregate over \$3,000. Among the purchasers were Messrs. W. D. Carter, J. H. Turner, E. W. Mills, J. W. Masters, Charles J. Green and J. T. Jones. The sale is subject to confirmation by the court.

The barn of Mr. G. W. Jones, near Burr Hill, in Orange county, was struck by lightning, and together with contents of farming implements, a lot of lumber, feed of different kinds and other articles, was entirely destroyed. The stable and house near the barn were not injured. There was a small insurance on the buildings.

PASTOR RESIGNS.
Rev. George T. Cook, of Gordonsville, has resigned the pastorate of Zion Church, in Orange county, the resignation to take effect in July.

Mr. A. H. Tindler, of Orange county, lost a valuable ox, which was killed by lightning during a storm.

It is thought that the special election on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the improvement of the roads in Orange county will be delayed. The roads are now in good order, and the people will probably be contented until the bad weather of winter again makes them well-nigh impassable. Another matter which will deter many from voting for the bond issue is the fear of increased taxes.

MUCH TIMBER.
More timber is being brought to this city from the surrounding counties than ever before in the history of the city. Hundreds of cords of excellent wood, just cut, railroad ties, hickory logs for spokes, walnut logs, etc., are being brought in daily. Pine trees, which were formerly regarded as worthless, are now being converted into excellent wood, which is sold at \$3.50 per cord at the railway stations. Notwithstanding the scarcity of labor, great quantities are being cut.

Rev. T. T. Whitley, presiding elder of the M. E. Church, South, will deliver the annual address at the commencement of the Female Seminary at Bowling Green next week.

SURRY COURT

Two Negroes Sentenced for One Year Each—A Furniture Factory.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WAKEFIELD, VA., May 28.—The County Court of Surry, Judge Timothy Rives presiding, was in session for two days beginning on the 26th. Ed. News and Lewis Garnett, both colored, and from Caroline county, were sentenced one year each for the felonious taking of a horse. The principal offender in the case was at the April term sent up for five years.

There was but one solitary application for a liquor license under the Mann bill and after a long and little argument the judge continued this case until the June term.

The welcome rain of last Sunday night gave great relief to the growing crops and garden vegetation and no doubt seems to be compensating for a long and dry season.

The capital stock for a furniture factory has all been placed and very soon the necessary building will be in course of construction. In as short a time as possible the machinery will be placed in place and ready for operation and the manufacturing of furniture by the Wakefield Manufacturing Company.

UNIQUE WATER SUPPLY

Prominent Merchant Goes to Canada for a Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HARRISONBURG, VA., May 28.—A water pipe is being laid through the principal street, which is to afford fire protection to the town. The pipe will be filled with water, which may be reached through "man-holes" at different points with the fire hose. There is a little water over the matter, as many of the citizens opposed the measure.

Mr. S. L. Coates, one of the prominent merchants in the town, goes to Montreal, Canada, Thursday to be married to Miss Velgit. The contracting parties have only seen the bride once.

The first meeting resulted in an engagement.

Bradshaw—Johnson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON, VA., May 28.—The Christian Church here was the scene of a very beautiful marriage to-night at 8:30 o'clock when Miss Josephine Johnson, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, was wedded to Mr. Wiley J. Bradshaw, Rev. H. J. Butler officiating.

Mr. Willie Godwin, of Portsmouth, was best man and Miss Betsey Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The church was handsomely decorated.

The bride's dress was of blue velvet; the maid